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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN FONMIN TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA APRIL 23-26

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1. AUSTRIAN FORNMIN BIELKA SCHEDULED DEPART APRIL 23 FOR PRAGUE
VIA BRATISLAVE TO BEGIN THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. VISIT, FIRST OF ITS KIND BY AUSTRIAN FONMIN
SINCE WORLD WAR II, IS VIEWED BY GOA AS CONTINUATION OF
EFFORT NOW UNDERWAY TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IN
WAKE OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON CLAIMS AND JOINT INVESTIGATION
OF BORDER INCIDENTS, WHICH WERE SIGNED IN LATE 1974.

2. ACCORDING TO MFA CONTAC, GOA PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
GAINING CZECHOSLOVAKINA AGREEMENT ON FORMATION OF JOINT MIXED
COMMISSION WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF
BILATERAL RELATIONS. ENVISAGED IS COMMISSION ALONG SIMILAR
LINES OF EXISTING AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN COMMISSION WHICH GOA
HAS FOUND TO BE VERY USEFUL.

3. OTHER MAJOR ITEM WHICH AUSTRIANS PROPOSE TO RAISE
WILL BE BIELKA SUGGESTION, PUT FORWARD RECENTLY AT
MEETING OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL, TO BEGIN WORK ON BILATERAL
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AGREEMENTS LOOKING TOWARD IMPLEMENTAION OF PRINCIPLES

(E.G. BROADENING OF CONTACTS), TO BE CONTAINED IN
BASIC CSCE DOCUMENT. AUSTRIANS ALSO EXPECT TO RAISE
QUESTION OF OPENING OF FOUR ADDITIONAL CROSSING
POINTS AND AN AGREEMENT ALLOWING SMALL BORDER TRAFFIC
BUT ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF GAINING
GOC AGREEMENT TO THESE TWO PROPOSALS. BUCHANAN

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